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SUPERINTENDENT JOYNER'S REPORT.

The Free Press has just received a copy of the biennial report of Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner. The report is an excellent document, and goes straight to the heart of the question.

In discussing the present condition of public education in North Carolina, Mr. Joyner uses a comparison between the expenditures for public schools in this State and the average expenditures for the same purpose throughout the United States as shown in the record of the United States Bureau of Education.

North Carolina expends for each child enrolled in the State public schools \$3.17 per year. The average amount spent throughout the United States per enrollment is \$20.29. The average length of the State school term per year is 82.4 days for white schools, and 76.15 days for colored schools. Throughout the United States the average length of the school term is 145 days per year. The average monthly salary of our white teachers is \$26.78. The colored teachers get a monthly salary of \$22.19. While the average salary paid teachers throughout the United States is \$48.

In presenting these statistics Mr. Joyner has pointed out an important source of weakness in our present educational system.

We must spend more money per capita for the education of our children. We spend \$17.12 per annum less for each enrolled child than is spent on the average throughout the United States.

We are aware that the mere spending of money will not insure us of attaining the desired end. But we are further aware of the fact that our State will not take its proper place in enlightenment and prosperity until a greater expenditure is made. In some school systems, on the other hand, money is wanted, undoubtedly. But we need not fear that such will be the result of a greater expenditure in North Carolina.

The average length of the school term must be increased, and the average salary of the teacher in our school must not fall \$21.22 behind the general average.

Mr. Joyner makes pertinent suggestions as to the improvement of school houses in equipment, and their enlargement in number.

But our schools must attain the improvement through the improvement of the teaching force, and the strengthening of the supervising force. To this end Mr. Joyner does well in recommending that an active part be taken in summer schools, and short college courses especially adapted to the needs of the teacher.

The average teacher, honest and faithful workers as they are, will not derive much benefit from listening to a course of entertaining summer lectures. Nor will they derive much real benefit from merely engaging in a summer of enjoyable social intercourse with fellow teachers. But if our schools are to be improved through the improvement of our teachers we must have certain well prepared courses of instruction placed in easy access of the teaching force.

Not only this, but we must give Mr. Joyner adequate assistance in the way of supervising force to see that the State is getting "its money's worth."

AN IMPORTANT LABOR TEST.

The navy department and the Newport News Shipbuilding company are at present engaged in a contest.

The navy department, operating the Brooklyn navy yard, has recently been equipped so that it has been enabled to undertake the construction of the Connecticut, one of the battleships recently authorized by congress. The Newport News company is going to build the Louisiana, a sister ship, at their own private yards.

Thus we have a government undertaking pitted against that of a private company.

The contest involves several principles, such as the relative cost of construction in public and private enterprises; the ability of the eight-hour laborer to do the work of the ten-hour man; and the efficiency of work turned out as between public and private undertakings.

The Newport News company took the contract upon a bid of \$3,900,000. It remains to be seen what the navy yard can do its work for. Labor leaders have forcibly insisted that, if employees were granted an eight-hour day, the employer must also reap the benefit in improved service, both in efficiency and rapidity. The present test is a result of their agitation of the question.

Shelby, Jan. 7.—Will Morris shot J. B. Champion last night near the county home, three miles east of Shelby. Morris says they were travelling together in a buggy when Champion drew his knife, attacked him and forced him to give up his money. Morris later pursued with a gun and shot Champion, but not necessarily fatally. They are both white and are said to have been drinking. Morris is a member of the I. O. O. F.

HOW TO IMPROVE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN AMERICA

By Miss GAIL LAUGHLIN, LL. B., Lawyer and Student of Social and Economic Problems

CONDITIONS IN DOMESTIC SERVICE ARE AT PRESENT UNSATISFACTORY. The testimony of people generally and the facts stated by those who come most closely in touch with domestic labor seem to establish that in a large proportion of cases the service rendered by domestic employees is unsatisfactory and that the supply of competent domestic workers is far below the demand.

IN SHORT, DOMESTIC SERVICE IS LARGELY IN THE HANDS OF UNTRAINED AND INCOMPETENT WORKERS AND IS UNPOPULAR WITH THE MAJORITY OF INTELLIGENT WOMEN WAGE EARNERS.

The reason for this is not found in the wages paid, for it is admitted that wages in domestic service are, all things considered, higher than are the wages paid in many more popular lines of work. The reason is found in other conditions which exist and primarily in the fact that THE DOMESTIC EMPLOYEE IS LOOKED UPON AS A PERSONAL SERVANT RATHER THAN AS AN EMPLOYEE HIRED TO PERFORM SPECIFIC SERVICE. Because of this view there is no fixed standard of work, the hours of labor are indefinite, the employee's entire time is subject to the control of the employer. The position of the employee in the household is that of a semidependent; her social position is that of an inferior.

To improve the character of domestic service the supply of intelligent workers must be increased; to increase the supply of intelligent workers conditions must be so modified as to make the conditions in domestic service conform to as great an extent as possible to conditions existing in other industries and especially so modified as to put the social position of the domestic employee on a par with that of other wage earners. In other words, DOMESTIC SERVICE MUST BE PUT ON A BUSINESS BASIS.

This can be done only through co-operation on the part of both employers and employees, co-operation based on a better and more scientific conception of the character of household labor.

THE PROCESS MUST BE PRIMARILY EDUCATIONAL, BOTH AS REGARDS EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE.

Instruction in the public schools in the elementary principles which bear upon household affairs would do much to give to the next generation a better understanding of the importance of household labor and of the principles underlying it.

COMPEL THE BAD TRUSTS TO MAKE A SHOWDOWN

By JAMES J. HILL, President of the Great Northern Railroad



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is all right, and his remedy for what are called trusts is all right, assuming that you want to encourage what is good and prevent what is bad. THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF TRUSTS. SOME OF THEM ARE FORMED FOR GOOD PURPOSES AND SERVE THE PUBLIC WELFARE, AND THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHER INTELLIGENT PEOPLE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN HONEST AND DISHONEST CORPORATIONS. Take Herr Krupp, the great German ironmaster, who died the other day, as an example. He was a very rich and powerful and benevolent monopolist and made Germany richer and more prosperous and his 45,000 employees happy. There are other good monopolies.

THE LARGE NUMBER OF CONSOLIDATED CORPORATIONS ARE HONEST AND WELL MANAGED AND ARE FOR THE PUBLIC WELFARE.

Others, however, were organized for speculative purposes and capitalized at enormous figures to sell stock to people who don't know any better than to buy it, and such schemes ought to be crushed out. The remedy is simple. Compel them to make a showdown before they are allowed to put stock on the market. MAKE THEM SHOW WHAT THEY HAVE GOT AND WHAT IT IS WORTH. If a company in Rhode Island wants to sell stock in California, it ought to be required to give people out there an honest statement of its business, as national banks and insurance companies are compelled to do.

WHAT MUST HAPPEN TO THE FILIPINOS

By JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN, President of Cornell University

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has said that the flag will stay in the Philippines as long as it will stay in Alaska. That means forever.

I HOPE OUR FLAG WILL STAY IN THOSE ISLANDS UNTIL ITS WORK THERE IS DONE.

But if it is to stay forever one of two things must happen—WE SHALL EITHER HOLD THE FILIPINOS IN SUBJECTION OR WE MUST ADMIT THE ISLAND OF LUZON AND THE VISAYAN ISLANDS AS UNITED STATES TERRITORIES.

ONE OF CHRISTIANITY'S PERVERSIONS

By Right Rev. Dr. FREDERICK BURGESS, Bishop of Long Island

OF ALL THE STRANGE PERVERSIONS OF CHRISTIANITY THE MOST CURIOUS IS THAT ONE OF MODERN TIMES WHICH PROMISES TO CURE ALL ILLS—TO WORK MIRACLES BY IGNORING THE PHYSICAL—AND WHICH ASKS ITS DISCIPLES TO BELIEVE IN CHRIST FOR THE PRECIOUS BOON OF HEALTH. IT IS THE SPIRIT OF THE MEN FROM WHOM CHRIST TURNED AWAY, AND IT HAS BEEN IN VOGUE ALL DOWN THE AGES.

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Notice! Commissioners' Sale of Land

By virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court of Lane County, North Carolina, obtained in the case entitled D. Oettinger, A. Lettinger and S. Oettinger, trading as Oettinger Bros., vs. C. F. Dunn, at the November term, 1902.

We the undersigned, as the Commissioners of said Court appointed in said case, will sell to the highest bidder on the 2nd day of February, 1903, this being the first Monday in February, 1903, the following described lands:

First lot—A lot of land in the town of Kinston, Lenoir county, North Carolina, adjoining the land of John F. Wooten and others and bounded as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad and Bright Street and running northwardly with said Railroad to John F. Wooten's line, thence westwardly with said John F. Wooten's line to the track of The Kinston and Scotland Neck branch of the Weldon and Wilmington Railroad, thence Bright Street, thence east with Bright Street to the beginning, being the said corner to be marked by a stake.

Second lot—A certain lot conveyed to John D. Miller, by deed of March 29th, 1900.

Second lot—A certain lot conveyed by Amos Jones, Jr. to the said C. F. Dunn by the deed of May 25th, 1900, adjoining the lands of S. H. Loftis and others, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at the Lucy Chapman, northwest corner on Hazlett Street and running 30 feet north to S. H. Loftis's line, then east 27 feet to the line of S. H. Loftis and others, thence south with said Chapman's line by the beginning.

Third lot—A certain lot conveyed to C. F. Dunn by Wiley Lowery and wife Winnie Lowery by deed of February 26th, 1901, adjoining the land of Henry Britt, Nancy J. Spright and others, and bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Henry Britt's lot on Shine Street running north with said Henry Britt's line 105 feet to a stake in Wiley Lowery's line, thence west with said Lowery's line 25 feet to a stake, thence south with said Lowery's and Nancy J. Spright's line 105 feet to said Shine Street 35 feet to the beginning.

This 2nd day of December, 1902. V. VARNER, T. C. WOOTEN, Commissioners.

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